## OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

 FROM:
 RILEY

 SUBJECT:
 HB 52

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## **HB 52**

HB 52 authorizes ("may" not "shall") local school boards, in their discretion, to establish and implement a vocational apprenticeship program in the district's high school(s). Participating students will be required to meet the graduation requirements of the State Board of Education, but may be awarded up to eight (8) units that apply to local graduation requirements for their participation in this vocational apprenticeship program.

According to Representative Mike Lott, you vetoed the same bill last year. Representative Lott met with you to discuss HB 52 before he presented it to the House Education subcommittee and incorporated the changes you indicated that you wanted. Rather than providing for a vocational study program as originally introduced, the bill before you provides for an apprenticeship program.

The bill met with strong support in the House Education Committee and was generally discussed as a "we did this last year" measure in the Senate Education Committee.

HB 52 is effective July 1, 2001.